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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Notice of Non-responsive Amendment

1. Applicant's traverse of the restriction by original presentation, mailed January 19, 2006, in the reply filed on February 2, 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that each of the claims is directed to a thermal membrane. This is not found persuasive because the inventions the original claims and the newly amended are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Applicant is reminded that, after a final requirement for restriction, the applicant, in addition to making any reply due on the remainder of the action, may petition the Director to review the requirement. Petition may be deferred until after final action on or allowance of claims to the invention elected, but must be filed not later than appeal. A petition will not be considered if reconsideration of the requirement was not requested (see § 1.181). 37 CFR 1.144. Petition from requirement for restriction. MPEP 818.03(c).

3. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.


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Conclusion

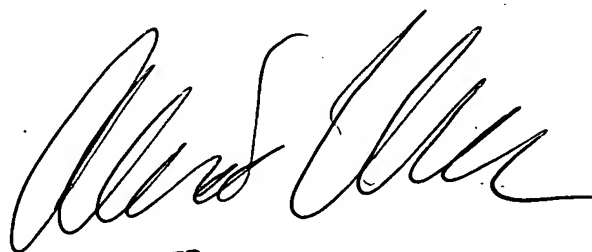
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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